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15 PER CENT INCREASE AMPLIFIED BOARD.

The article by Keith Neville in Friday's Tribune relative to the enormous increase in assessment of property for the purpose of taxation created the biggest wave of excitement that has happened in North Platte for months. Practically everybody expected a raise in valuation of from fifteen to thirty per cent over the 1916 valuation, but when figures were presented showing an increase ranging from seventy-five to over two hundred per cent, people were staggered.

Yesterday The Tribune editor asked Commissioners Hermlinghausen, Koch and Springer what increase was, in their opinion, necessary in order to cover the increased cost of transacting the business of the county, and they with one accord said an increase of fifteen per cent throughout the county over the 1916 valuation would be ample; that such an increase would give them the funds needed. County Treasurer Souder was asked what he considered a fair as well as a necessary increase, and he replied not to exceed twenty per cent. A fifteen per cent increase will also be ample to create funds needed for school districts and for the conduct of business of the city of North Platte and the villages of the county.

Now, if county officials are certain that a fifteen per cent increase will cover the expense of conducting the county affairs, will some one rise and explain why property values in North Platte are being increased from seventy-five to 200 per cent and farm lands increased fifty per cent and in some cases more?

The state levy has been increased two mills this year—from thirteen and a fraction mills to fifteen and a fraction—and this will create with a fifteen per cent increase in valuation, all the funds needed for state purposes. As Mr. Neville plainly pointed out, the valuation assessors are placing upon Lincoln county property will force us to pay an unjust proportion of state taxes because the assessments made by the Lincoln county assessors will not be lowered by the state board of equalization.

The county commissioners cannot lower the assessments, they can only equalize, therefore no redress can be expected of them in this particular instance when all property is kited sky high. So far as we can see the only solution is to hold public meetings in the county and petition County Assessor Allen to reduce the basis of valuation. It might be well to hold meetings in each of the four wards of the city and each ward appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the other wards, and to take such steps as deemed best and necessary.

Strawberry Plants.
Grow your own strawberries. Now is the time to set them out. Good Senator Dunlay plants \$1.50 per hundred, postage paid. Clark S. Pine, York, Neb. 36-2

SCOUT AND CAMPFIRE CAMPAIGN STARTS TODAY.

The campaign to raise five thousand dollars for the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls Movement in North Platte will start today. The city has been divided into districts and canvassers appointed for each district, and it is the intention that within the next ten days every house in the city shall be solicited. If the occupant is not found at home today, a future call will be made, and these calls repeated until the occupant is found at home.

The Tribune considers this movement an important and most deserving one; one that should appeal not only to parents who have boys and girls, but to those who do not have but have a sufficient quantity of the milk of human kindness to desire to help out the boys and girls of North Platte by surrounding them with more pleasant and helpful environment.

Union Pacific Needs Men.
District Foreman McGraw, of the Union Pacific, reported this morning that he is short of men in practically all departments, and suggested that The Tribune rustle him the needed help, hence this notice. If you are out of work apply to Mr. McGraw.

Swedish Mission.
We will have our regular services next Friday evening, May 21st, at 7:30 p. m. at the People's Mission church as usual. All welcome.

Our Entire Stock at 20 per cent discount at The Leader Mer. Co.

MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION PAID-UP STOCK.
In order to supply funds to cover approved loan applications, this association will issue a limited amount of its Paid Up Stock. This stock draws dividends at the rate of six per cent per annum, from date of issue until paid off. Dividends payable March 1st and September 1st. Money invested in this stock may be withdrawn at any time upon thirty days notice.

BESSIE F. SALISBURY, Sec'y.

Crystal, Thursday & Friday. "Choosing A Wife"

proving that mail order methods are precarious when selecting a wife. This man wrote to the wrong woman and like Barkus she was "willin'."

Friday's Comedy—

Light Hearts and Leaking Pipes.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. B. B. Baker is expected home today from a visit in Kansas City.

Keith Neville went to Omaha last night to transact business for a few days.

C. M. Austin, Jeweler. 37-3
Mr. and Mrs. Max Hensolt returned yesterday morning from a visit in Denver.

Silver always makes a lasting gift, DIXON, the Jeweler.

Mrs. W. J. Stuart will leave about June 1st for a visit with relatives in California.

A Big Ben will get you there on time. DIXON, the Jeweler.

Field Agent Bryan, of the American Beet Sugar Co., received another consignment of beet tenders last night.

Spring Millinery at prices that will surprise you at Wilcox Department Store.

Wm. Haist returned Sunday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he had spent several weeks.

Our Entire Stock at 20 per cent discount at The Leader Mer. Co.

Mrs. C. F. Spencer will return today from Excelsior Springs, where she spent two weeks.

Mrs. Ray Lannin will entertain the Belvedere Club at her home at 322 west Tenth on Friday afternoon.

For Sale—Monarch 6-hole steel range in first class condition. Inquire at 904 west Sixth. 37-2

Little Gene Fetter, who was taken to Omaha Saturday and there operated upon for appendicitis, is reported to be doing nicely.

Don't forget the Jitney Dance at the Masonic Hall Thursday, May 20th.

John Nelson and wife leave Friday for Red Cliff, Col. where he will work for a mining company. The change is made for the benefit of Mrs. Nelson's health.

The largest line of Fancy Voles in town at Wilcox Department Store.

The dance given last evening by the Schubert Jazz Orchestra at the K. C. hall was largely attended and the dancers say the orchestra is immense. The final dance will be given this evening.

For Rent—Two unfurnished rooms at 109 East Ninth, known as the Mogensson house. Inquire at the premises. 37-2

Mrs. Geo. Frater returned yesterday from Scottsbluff where she had been spending the week end with friends. Mrs. Frater was a delegate to the Woman's club convention held at Chadron this week, but owing to the recent storm, was unable to get through. About seventy of the delegates were tied up at Alliance until Thursday afternoon.

Our Entire Stock of Merchandise at 20 per cent deduction from our actual prices—means a big saving to you now while our stock is full and complete. Nothing reserved—At The Leader Mercantile Company's Store.

Sargeant Johnson, in charge of the local army recruiting station, reports but three enlistments so far this month. This number, however, equals the enlistments at Alliance, Grand Island and a number of recruiting offices. Enlistments are always light at this season of the year.

For Sale—2 lots on West Fifth St., block 12, lots 8 and 9, sewer, lights and gas. Inquire 1806 West Third or Phone 717W. 37-4*

Some Buy!

Six room strictly modern one-story home at 909 west Third. An ideal home at the figure. Lot 66x132. Gas stove and range goes with place. Price \$7,500. Get busy if you want it.

THE HOLLMAN & SEBASTIAN AGENCY.

PIANO IN STORAGE FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

We have left in storage in North Platte a fine standard made piano. In order to sell immediately, without further delay, a big discount in price will be given. Terms arranged with responsible party if desired. Write at once to

THE DENVER MUSIC COMPANY, Denver, Colo. 30-8

Jack Service.

Will stand a Jack for service at the former Watts place, two miles west of North Platte.

—36-4 Bert Phelps.

A Likable, Lovable, Laughable Liar is

Earle Williams

—IN—
"The Fortune Hunter"

This is a Vitagraph superfeature from the famous stage play of the same name that convulsed the country a few years ago. It is packed full of heart interest and laughs.

Sun Theatre

Thursday and Friday

LOCAL POSTOFFICE NEARING FIRST-CLASS RANK.

Notice received yesterday at the local postoffice stated that the salary of the postmaster had been raised \$100 per year, making the pay of that position \$2,800 per year. This increased rate is based on the increased receipts of the office, which for the past year totaled in round numbers \$36,000. When the receipts increase \$4,000 per year more and reach a total of \$40,000, the North Platte postoffice will become an office of the first-class. At the present rate of increase the entrance of the office into the first-class rank is not far off.

No inkling of who will be appointed postmaster to fill the vacancy has been so far received.

New Boy Scout Books.
Librarian Miss Murphy announces the receipt of the following books at the public library:

Altsheller—Guns of Europe.
Barbour—Fortunes of War.
Burton—Boy Scouts of Bob's Hill
Drysdale—Beach Patrol.
—Young Reporter.
Elton—Boy Scouts in Dima Swamp.
—Boy Scouts of the Wildcat Patrol.

Grinnel—Jack The Young Trapper.
Masefield—Jim Davis.
Seton—Animal Heroes.
Sabin—On The Plains With Custer.
Schultz—Rising Wolf.
Stevenson—Kidnapped.
—Treasure Island.

We are cooperating with the United States Government—in doing our part to bring down the high prices. Until further notice we offer our entire stock at a reduction and a saving of 20 per cent off all regular prices. This great reduction means that we are taking our valued customers into cooperation with us to effect a great purpose. The Leader Mercantile Co.

Ticket exchange for senior class play, Keith Theatre Wednesday, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Men's Suits made to your measure from cloth that is right in stock at Wilcox Department Store.

At the convention of Federated Women's Clubs of the Sixth District of Nebraska, held at Chadron last week, Mrs. Geo. Frater was elected District president for the ensuing year.

For Sale—5 room stucco house, fine lawn, fruit trees. Price is right if sold by June 15. Inquire 1806 West Third. Phone 717W. 37-4*

The Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be entertained tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. M. N. Johnston, the hostesses being Mrs. Julius Forstest and Mrs. Wm. Sieboldt.

Special Sale of Ladies' Spring Suits and Coats at Wilcox Department Store.

Geo. J. Karr, of Salt Lake City, was awarded a complete wireless set and a check for one hundred dollars, the first prize in the wireless contest conducted in Salt Lake and seven other cities. Karr, who is but seventeen years old, built his wireless outfit himself and has shown such marked ability along this line that he has held a government permit for the past year. He is a nephew of Mrs. M. H. Gilfoyl.

For Sale.

Nine room modern house, nicely arranged for two family apartment house. Cash terms. 520 South Chestnut street. Phone 1140J. 37-2*

NOTICE.

Please call 955J after this date at 7:30 p. m. or after about garbage.

Garbage Collector. 37-2

For Sale.

One and one-half lots opposite City Park on East Fourth Street. Will consider a car on same. Phone 471J. 36-2

WILL PAY YOU TO SEE

E. A. OLSON.

I represent for Lincoln county one of the strongest insurance companies in the way of hail insurance. See me about the amount I can insure per acre and the low rate. A company that has in the past 23 years paid all losses as they came, big or little. Yours for business, E. A. Olson, phone 323; evening 1130.

DR. O. H. CRESSLER.

Graduate Dentist
Come over the McDonald
State Bank.

Take Case Under Advisement.

In the district court yesterday afternoon the divorce case of Mrs. Minnie Banta against Joseph A. Banta was heard and the case taken under advisement by Judge Grimes. The evidence showed that Banta had spanked his wife with a leather strap; and letters written by him to Mrs. Banta thus showing that both the plaintiff and the defendant were at fault.

Allow us to adjust your glasses. It only takes a minute and costs nothing. Dixon and Son, Sight Specialists.

Don't forget the Jitney Dance at the Masonic Hall Thursday, May 20th.

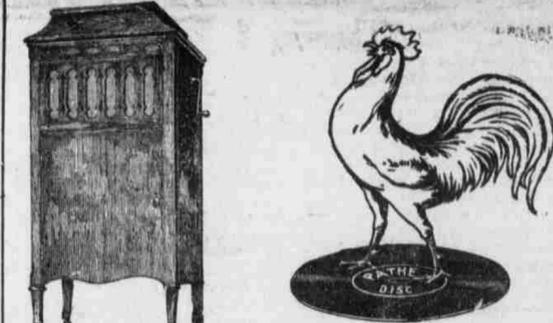
Here is One Example.

About a year ago Harry Hayes, of the Union Pacific car department, purchased the house at 117 South Willow for \$2,650, and last year paid \$18.32 taxes on the property. This year the assessor placed a value of \$2,500 on the property and at that valuation, his taxes this year will be \$105, an increase of nearly 600 per cent. Harry thinks this is crowding the mourners.

The Christian aid society will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Crawford, 415 west Third street. Mrs. E. R. Mills will be the chairman of the committee.

Crystal, Tonight and Tomorrow.
EUGENE O'BRIEN
in George Barr McCutcheon's
"A Fool and His Money"
A dangerous combination—but they are soon separated.
Special tonight—Sennett comedy—
East Lynne with Variations.

Keith, Wednesday and Thursday.
William Farnum
America's own crowned king of the drama
—IN—
"THE ORPHAN"
A love story of the desert plains with the dash and spirit of the great outdoors.



FREE Guessing Contest At Maloney's Store. May 21st and 22nd, 1920. A 75.00 Pathe, 25 Pathe Records and a live Red Rooster given away. Free to the Three Best Gussers!

RULES OF CONTEST—One member of each family may guess. Your guess must be made at the store and filed with the clerk in charge of the contest and you get a receipt. Employees of W. R. Maloney are barred.

How many grains of corn will "Pat" eat at one feeding when he is hungry?
1st Prize \$75.00 Pathe
2nd Prize 25 Pathe Records
3rd Prize "Pat"

Prizes will be awarded by disinterested judges. Everybody come in and try. This costs you nothing and you might win.

W. R. MALONEY CO.
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Complete Satisfaction

The reputation of the manufacturer is a safe guide as to the quality of a car, but the integrity of the local dealer is a vital factor in the satisfaction it gives you.

The reputation of the makers of both Dodge and Chandler cars needs no finer tribute than the acceptance of these cars by the public. And our relations with owners in North Platte is convincing evidence that they consider our cars not only a safe, but a satisfying investment.

Backed by this organization, the most discriminating purchaser can buy with confidence.

Come in and see us.

DODGE BROTHERS
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The smaller Chandler the new light six Cleveland on display at our show rooms.

At the Sun Two Days Commencing Tuesday
"LOMBARDI, LTD."
The Famous Broadway Comedy Success, in which BERT LYTELL does the Best Work of His Brilliant Career.

EIGHT PRETTY GIRLS IN THE CAST

Including Alice Lake, Juanita Hansen, Thea Talbot, (a perfect 36.) This as a Stage Play holds a record for Attendance in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Los Angeles.